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FILTER ASSEMBLY, FILTER ELEMENT, AND METHOD OF

UTILIZING THE SAME

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

ATTENTION: MAILSTOP AF - NO FEE

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This 37 CFR §1.116 amendment has been filed to place the application in condition for allowance.

In response to the final Office Action dated October 22, 2003, please amend the claims as follows and consider the accompanying remarks. This amendment has been prepared in accordance with the new amendment format promulgated under 37 CFR §1.121.